

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 21, 1999
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

KING PARKER, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON; BOB EDWARDS; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources & Risk Management Administrator; SANDRA MEYER, Transportation Systems Director; BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; MARK BARBER, Assistant City Attorney; LEE HARO, Transportation Planning Supervisor; STEVE CLARK, Program Development Coordinator; STEPHEN ROLLE, Civil Engineer; ABDOUL GAFOUR, Water Utility Supervisor; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

PRESS

Denis Law, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION

Day of Concern for the Hungry
– Oct. 2, 1999

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring October 2, 1999, to be “Day of Concern for the Hungry” in the City of Renton, and urging all citizens to join with the Emergency Feeding Program to feed those who are hungry. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

Transportation: Six-Year TIP
Update for 2000-2005, & Mid-
Year Budget Adjustments

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2000-2005, and associated mid-year budget adjustments.

Sandra Meyer, Transportation Systems Director, said the updated TIP contains two major projects foreseen for Renton: Strander Boulevard and the I-405/NE 44th St. interchange at Port Quendall, both of which are estimated to cost around \$40 million. She noted that the Transportation Citizens Advisory Committee has expressed concern about the SR-167/I-405 interchange, and the need to find more comprehensive solutions for frequent backups occurring in that area.

Steve Clark, CIP Coordinator, explained that according to State law, the TIP must be updated annually. Consequently, every year staff evaluates the plan and makes appropriate changes in accordance with Renton’s Comprehensive Plan, the State Growth Management Act, and the City’s vision and mission statements and business plan goals. The plan’s major goals are to: develop a balanced multi-modal transportation system, maximize the use of transit, increase the carrying capacity of the arterial system, increase non-motorized travel, improve freight mobility, and protect the environment.

Continuing, Mr. Clark noted that several projects contained in the 1995 plan

have been accomplished, including Park Avenue, the relocation of Houser Way, the Lake Washington Boulevard and Monster Road bridges, Oakesdale Ave. SW (Phase 1), and, most recently, Logan Avenue South. Projects currently underway include Main Ave. S., the downtown transit project, and Phase 2 of Oakesdale Ave. SW. Additionally, Renton's Sidewalk Program gives a good deal of attention to sidewalk construction and repairs throughout the City with a budget of \$1.1 million this year alone.

Mr. Clark reported that the 2000-2005 TIP contains 43 new projects and programs, including Duvall Ave. NE. The plan estimates that Renton will spend \$132.2 over the next six years on transportation-related projects. These funds will be split between infrastructure projects, multi-modal projects, livability enhancements, projects related to economic development, and operation costs.

Significant challenges and opportunities in the next six years include the downtown transit center, the extension of SW 27th St. to directly access SR-167, the I-405/NE 44th St. interchange, Oakesdale Ave. SW (Phase 2), and the SR-169 high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) and queue jump improvements. The City will also work to develop intelligent transportation systems and construct a traffic control room at City Hall.

Mr. Clark concluded that Renton has received grant funding for some projects but not others. Grants currently in-hand total \$2,830,219 (most of which is for the Oakesdale Ave. SW project – \$1,310,600 and the SW 27th St. extension project – \$744,619). He added that WSDOT has pledged funds for the NE 44th St. project as well as for the SR-169 HOV and queue jumps project.

Responding to Councilman Edwards, Transportation Planning Supervisor Lee Haro said the May Creek Bridge referred to in the TIP is situated on Jones Avenue NE, east of I-405. The bridge spanning May Creek on Lake Washington Boulevard is called the "Lake Washington Boulevard bridge at May Creek."

Council President Parker asked if the City has any plans to expand RUSH shuttle service to the Highlands. At the least, he suggested this be done for the upcoming Renton River Days festival.

Councilman Schlitzer commented that many of Renton's transportation projects have regional significance and influence. He added that staff does a tremendous job of coordinating with other jurisdictions, and also of securing grant funds for projects and programs.

Audience comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL SUSPEND ITS RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT. CARRIED.

Transportation Committee

Transportation: Six-Year TIP Update for 2000-2005, & Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Transportation Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Committee has reviewed the proposed 2000-2005 Six-Year TIP update, along with the associated mid-year budget adjustments, and recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 230 for related legislation.)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The Cedar River levees and floodwall construction is progressing on schedule.
- * Main Ave. S. from S. 3rd St. to Grady Way will be closed to traffic from noon on Sunday, June 27th to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28th so the railroad crossing at South Third can be replaced.
- * Today was the first day of the 1999 Free Summer Lunch Program at the Royal Hills Apartments, 3000 SE Royal Hills Drive. Lunches will be served Monday through Friday through August 27th.
- * Renton's Fire Department will offer two one-day workshops this week, in conjunction with King County Fire District #40. The first is an apartment fire safety forum and the second addresses fire safety for businesses.
- * The public is invited to attend the open house and tour of the new city jail next Monday, June 28th, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Responding to Council inquiry regarding the schedule of the Cedar River project, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman said the work has been scheduled so the park and the walking trail can be opened as soon as possible, perhaps by mid-summer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of a Councilmember, item 8.e. was removed for separate consideration.

Plat: Whispering Pine Lane,
Final, NE 26th/Jones Ave (FP-
99-066)

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Whispering Pine Lane final plat; 11 single family lots on 2.85 acres located in the vicinity of NE 26th Pl. and Jones Ave. NE (FP-99-066). Council concur. (See page 231 for resolution.)

Legal: Bicycle Helmet
Ordinance

Legal Department recommended approval of an ordinance requiring the use of approved bicycle helmets in the City of Renton. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Municipal Court: Judge Pro
Tem Compensation

Municipal Court Division recommended increasing the pay rate for Pro Tem Judges from \$30 per hour to \$45 per hour to maintain compensation competitiveness. Refer to Finance Committee.

CAG: 98-134, Benson Rd S
Walkway, RJC Inc

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-98-134, Benson Road South walkway project; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$1,741.01, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$4,032.97 to RJC Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 8.e. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration Item 8.e.

Public Works: Talbot Crest &

Wastewater Utility Division requested approval of a contract in the amount of \$77,780 with RH2 Engineering for design of the Talbot Crest and Denny's Lift Stations replacement project.

Denny's Lift Stations Design,
RH2 Engineering

(See next page for action on this item.)

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL SUSPEND ITS RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING REPRIORITIZATION OF WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee
Public Works: CIP
Reprioritizations &
Reallocations

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in staff's recommendation to reprioritize and reallocate Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects, as follows:

1. Windsor Hills Sewer Replacement: Reduce the funds by \$490,000 for a revised balance of \$140,000;
 2. Misty Cove/Baxter Lift Station Replacement: Reduce the funds by \$230,00 for a revised balance of \$15,000;
 3. Ridgecrest Sewer Replacement: Reduce the funds by \$100,000 for a revised balance of zero –
- TOTAL REDUCTIONS: \$820,000; and
4. Talbot Crest and Denny's Lift Station Replacements: Add funds of \$655,000 for a revised balance of \$700,000;
 5. Oversizing request on the East Renton Interceptor extension: Add funds of \$90,000 for a revised balance of \$90,000; and
 6. East Kennydale Interceptor: Add funds of \$75,000 for a revised balance of \$1,525,000 –
- TOTAL ADDITIONS: \$820,000.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH RH2 ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN OF THE TALBOT CREST AND DENNY'S LIFT STATIONS. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS
Committee of the Whole
Human Services: Renton
Community Foundation

Council President Parker presented a report designating the President of the Renton City Council (~~and~~ or his or her designee) and the City's Chief Administrative Officer as board members of the Renton Community Foundation. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT AS AMENDED ABOVE. CARRIED.

Councilman Edwards noted that the correction will reflect Council's intention to appoint two, rather than three, people to the Foundation.

Finance Committee
Legal: Williams Property
Condemnation on S 2nd St

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report recommending that Council authorize the Administration to proceed with condemnation of the property located at the southwest corner of S. 2nd St. and Burnett Ave. S., owned by Thomas H. Williams. The property will be developed for public parking to replace spaces that were removed on Burnett Ave. S. for the construction of the downtown transit center. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee
Legal: Adult Retail Use

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the Adult Use ordinance. The Committee recommended that Council concur in the Administration's recommendation to include the area along I-405

Ordinances	<p>and SW 16th St. in the Employment Area – Valley (EAV) exemption area for purposes of adult use ordinances. The Committee further recommended that the issue relating to the proposed process to request an extension to the amortization period remain in committee pending comments from the public hearing as well as additional staff review. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.</p> <p>Ms. Keolker-Wheeler added that Council will hold a public hearing on this issue next week (June 28th).</p>
Zoning: Residential Multi-Family Urban Amendments	<p>Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the proposed Residential Multi-Family Urban Zoning Code amendments. The Committee reviewed the proposed amendments on May 20th and June 17th, and a public hearing was held before the City Council on June 7th. The Committee recommended approval of the amendments to the Residential Multi-Family Urban zone as shown on the draft dated June 15, 1999, and further recommended that the <u>City Attorney</u> prepare an ordinance for first and second reading. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.</p>
Planning: Off-Street Parking Regulations for Multi-Family Zones	<p>Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding modifications to off-street parking. The Committee recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The City increase the ratio of off-street parking required per dwelling unit in Section 4-4-080.F, Parking Lot Design Standards, from 1.75 spaces per unit to 2.0 spaces per unit in the City's RM-N, RM-C and RM-I multi-family zones by increasing the ratio of guest parking from 0.25 spaces per dwelling unit to 0.50 spaces per dwelling unit;2. The City allow off-street resident parking to be tandem parking provided the ratio of 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit for off-street resident parking is increased to 2.0 spaces per dwelling unit for this type of parking, and a restrictive covenant or other device acceptable to the City is provided assigning such parking to the exclusive use of specific dwelling units; and3. The City revise the nomenclature for single-family and multi-family dwelling units to be consistent with the definitions embodied in Ordinance 4773 and Section 4-11-040, Definitions D., i.e. "Detached," "Semi-attached," and "Attached" Dwellings. <p>MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.</p>
Development Services: Ribera Removal of Restrictive Covenants	<p>Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding removal of restrictive covenants for the Ribera property on NE 4th Street. The Committee recommended concurrence with the staff recommendation to authorize the removal of restrictive covenants that were required as a condition of the rezone of the subject property to B-1 (Business Use) and R-3 (Medium Density Multi-Family Residential) in 1990. The covenants require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Only the residential site plan concurrently approved by the Hearing Examiner's decision dated May 15, 1990, shall be developed; and2. There shall be no more than one-hundred-eleven (111) dwelling units placed on the subject site.

The development of the site, as approved under the site plan included with the rezone application, was never implemented and the approved short plat of the property was never recorded. The covenants no longer fulfill their intent as requirements for the approved development and unduly encumber the subject property. Therefore, the Committee recommended allowing the applicants to proceed with removing the restrictive covenants from the land title.

The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Administration to prepare documents for removal of the restrictive covenants. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Public Works: 1999 Skyway
Coordinated Water System
Plan Update

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Planning/Building/Public Works Department's recommendation to approve and adopt the 1999 update of the Skyway Coordinated Water System Plan. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Latecomer: Gelvezon, SW 12th
St, LA-99-002

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Gelvezon latecomer request. On April 20, 1999, Elvis Gelvezon submitted an application for a latecomer agreement to recover a portion of the costs of extending a water main and appurtenant facilities in SW 12th Street. Staff has reviewed the application and found the request meets submittal requirements. The developer has paid the processing fee required.

The Committee recommended concurrence in staff's recommendation that Council grant preliminary approval of the application for a latecomer agreement for a period of one year. The duration of the final agreement will be for a period of 15 (fifteen) years, and the most equitable method of spreading the costs over the benefiting properties is by square foot method.

The Committee further recommended that Council authorize the preliminary assessment roll to be forwarded to the City Clerk, who will notify the affected property owners. If no protests are received, after construction of the facilities and approval of the final costs, the Council can authorize preparation of the final assessment roll and latecomer agreement.

In the event of a protest for valid cause, a public hearing will be held to resolve any issues prior to proceeding with this matter. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Public Works: Cascade Water
Alliance (Renton Decline of
Membership)

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Cascade Water Alliance. Following a presentation by the Cascade Water Alliance (CWA) to the Committee of the Whole, the Utilities Committee recommended that the City of Renton not apply for CWA membership at this time. The Committee further recommended that staff track the CWA formation process and re-evaluate membership options in the year 2000. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3398

Transportation: Six-Year TIP
Update, 2000-2005

A resolution was read updating the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2000-2005. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3399

Plat: Whispering Pine Lane,
Final, NE 26th/Jones Ave (FP-
99-066)

A resolution was read approving the Whispering Pine Lane final plat; 11 single family lots on 2.85 acres located in the vicinity of NE 26th Pl. and Jones Ave. NE (FP-99-066). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/28/99 for second and final reading:

Transportation: Six-Year TIP,
Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

An ordinance was read providing for 1999 Budget adjustments in the amount of \$11,950,201 for transportation improvement projects. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/28/99. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 50 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LITIGATION. CARRIED. Time: 8:27 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:16 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:17 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
June 21, 1999